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Sir:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the "Notice to File Missing Parts of Application" (form PTO-1533) dated June 3, 1998 on the above application, a Declaration duly signed by the inventors, and a check in the amount of \$170.00 in payment of the required \$130.00 surcharge and the \$40.00 fee for recording the Assignment is also enclosed.

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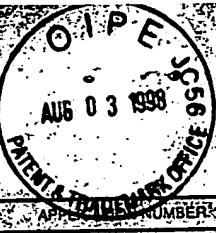
In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the
identified application is now complete. Early examination of the
application on its merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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1. The statutory basic filing fee is:

- missing.
- insufficient.

Applicant must submit \$ _____ to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).

2. Additional claim fees of \$ _____, including any multiple dependent claim fees, are required.

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Applicant must either submit the additional claim fees or cancel additional claims for which fees are due.

3. The oath or declaration:

- is missing or unexecuted.
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- does not identify the application to which it applies.

does not include the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence.

An oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, including residence information and identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date is required.

4. The signature(s) to the oath or declaration is/are by a person other than inventor or person qualified under 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47.

A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.

5. The signature of the following joint Inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration:

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6. A \$50.00 processing fee is required since your check was returned without payment (37 CFR 1.21(m)).

7. Your filing receipt was mailed in error because your check was returned without payment.

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